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advance, as Detroit is liable to be crowded at this time.

Special arrangement is being made for the entertainment of ladies who accompany members.

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FORMATION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE  
ON THE UNIFICATION OF METHODS  
OF ANALYSIS OF FATS AND OILS

At the last meeting of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, held in November, 1908, a committee of three was appointed to join with a similar committee, if such could be appointed, from the American Chemical Society and the American Society for Testing Materials, the object being to try to bring about uniformity in the methods of these three great chemical societies, and also that this joint committee should represent this country in the formation of an international commission upon this same subject.

The committee appointed by the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists consisted of Mr. L. M. Tolman, chairman, Mr. Percy H. Walker and Mr. A. Lowenstein. The committee from the American Chemical Society consisted of Mr. A. H. Gill, chairman, Mr. David Wesson and Mr. C. E. Waters. The committee appointed by the American Society for Testing Materials consisted of Mr. C. N. Forrest, chairman, Mr. Jerome Frank and Mr. G. W. Thompson. These three committees have united into the formation of a joint committee, Mr. Tolman being elected chairman, and Mr. Forrest, secretary.

The work of this joint committee is to bring about as far as possible a uniformity in methods of analysis and statement of results. The first meeting was held in New York at the Chemists' Club on May 25, for the consideration of plans of work, and of carrying them on.

THE PUGET SOUND MARINE STATION

A LABORATORY for the study of marine biology has been established by the State University, the State College and the three State

Normal Schools of Washington in cooperation. This is located on the islands of the lower Puget Sound, a region unapproachable for its wealth of marine life. For the session 1909 the laboratory will be maintained at Friday Harbor on San Juan Island from June 21 until July 10, and at Olga on Orcas Island from July 12 until July 31. The following courses are announced: Exploratory Zoology, C. T. Brues, curator of the Milwaukee Public Museum; Invertebrate Zoology, H. S. Brode, professor of biology, Whitman College; Vertebrate Zoology, A. D. Howard, professor of zoology, University of Washington; Insects, A. L. Melander, professor of entomology, Washington State College; Molluscs, James L. Kellogg, professor of zoology, Williams College; Fishes, E. C. Starks, curator, Stanford University; Phylogeny of Plants, Charles E. Bessey, professor of botany, University of Nebraska; Cryptogamic Botany, Charles O. Chambers, professor of biology, Pacific University; Systematic Botany, R. K. Beattie, professor of botany, Washington State College; Ecology, T. C. Frye, professor of botany, University of Washington; Algæ, Mabel R. Simpson, professor of biology, University of Puget Sound.

The equipment of the station will include a steam dredging outfit, motor launch, scows, boats, etc. Microscopes and usual apparatus will be supplied. Tuition is free, but a laboratory privilege charge of ten dollars will be made for the six weeks courses. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle will afford an unusual opportunity of visiting the Pacific coast at low cost.

An invitation to make the station their headquarters is cordially extended to eastern biologists. Every opportunity will be given for the collection and study of the interesting species of Puget Sound. Correspondence may be addressed to Professor T. C. Frye, University, Seattle, or to Professor A. L. Melander, Pullman, Washington.

THE BIOLOGICAL STATION OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

A STATION for instruction and research in biology will be maintained by the University